(b) whether it is a fact that many cases have remained with the Ministry of Law for many years inspite of reminders from nodal Ministries requesting for early disposal of these cases;

(c) by when Government would give legal opinion against Reliance Industry in each case; and

(d) jf not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Negotiations with NASA of Weather DATA

2312. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that negotiations held among the Department of Science and Technology, the Indian Space Research Organisation and NASA are still on over the exchange and sharing weather data;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what final decision has been taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Space and the Department of Science & Technology of Government of India and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Occeanic and Atmospheric Administration (NCAA) of the United states of America have discussed potential scientific corporation in the field of earth science and associated exchange of data. Based on these discussions, it is intended to formulate cooperative agreement for specific scientific activities and related data exchange for the consideration of the respective Govemments.

A final decision has not yet been taken.

Proposal to set up Hospitals & dispensaries in Tribal Areas

2313. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government proposes to set up hospitals and dispensaries in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the proposals mooted thereon for 8th and 9th plan;

(c) whether Government have also a proposal to implement schemes to provide adequate health care in the tribal areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Health is a State subject. The establishment of Health infrastructure including hospitals and dispensaries in the States including tribal areas is the responsibility of the State/UT Govts. As such, there is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry.

(c) and (d) In order to provide promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care in the tribal areas in the Country, rural health infrastructure consisting of a number of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health centres have been established on relaxed propulation norms throughout the Country.

Besides this, a number of allopathic dispensaries/hospitals/mobile clinics, ayurvedic Hospitals/Dispensaries, Homoeopathic Hospitals/Dispensaries and Unani/Siddhha dispensaries are also functioning to cater to there health care needs in the tribal areas in the country.

Central assistance is provided for training of para-Medical workers pay & allowances of female helath workers, cost *eri* medicines/drugs and rent of buildings for the establishment of Sub-Centres from Family Welfare Programme Budget. The Central Government have also been assisting the State Govemments for implementation of various communicable and non-communicable diseases control/ eradication programmes like National Malaria Eradication programme, National Programme for control of Blindness, National Tuberculosis Control Programme National Programme for control of Blindness, National AIDS Control with Blood Safety and STD Control Programme; National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme, National Mental Health Programme and Family Welfare Programme including Safe Motherhood and Child Survival Programme alongwith Immunization programme etc. throughout the Country including tribal areas.

Guidelines to PSUs on Social Responsibilities

2314. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR.

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines to public undertakings in matters pertaining to fulfilment of social responsiblities;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines and when were they issued; and

(c) what steps are being taken to monitor the proper implementation of these guidelines?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Public Enterprises has issued an office Memorandum on 29.11.1994 regarding social obligations of central public enterprises. A copy of the O.M. is enclosed as statement *(see below)* As per their Articles of Association, the public enterprises enjoy full autonomy in regard to identification and implementation of social responsibilities. Consequently, it is for the managements: of the respective PSUs to monitor proper implementation of such activities.

Statement

Copy of Ministry of Industry (Department of Public Enterprises) O.M. No. 2(l)/94-GM dated 29th November, 1994.

Subject:—*Social Obligations of Central Public Enterprises.*

The issue relating to Social obligations of Central Public Sector Enterprises (PAEs) has been examined in the context of the recommendations made by the Committee on Public Undertaking (1993-94) in its 24th Report on 'Social Responsibilities and Public Accountability of Public Undertakings'.

2.0 The Government's policy towards public enterprises has been enunciated in the Industrial Policy Statement of the 24th July, 1991. The Government believes in making PSEs growth oriented and technicaly dynamic. Its policy is to give greater powers to the boards so that PSEs could function professionally. The emphasis of the Government is on performance improvement of PSEs. The focus is, therefore, on generating surpluses for self-sustaining growth.

3.0 The Memorandum of Association (MOA) of PSEs state the objectives, including social objectives, for which they have been set up. PSEs generally undertake certain amount of non-commercial responsibilitites which arc incorporated in the MOA in furtherance of their commerical objectives. All PSEs cannot be treated on an equal footing for undertaking various types of social activities. It is for the individual PSE to identify and implement social responsibilities keeping in view its